served in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains and standard casserole meals in other Mail/Express trains keeping in mind the taste of the majority of passengers travelling in these trains. Besides variety of regional cuisines are introduced in a-la-carte items in Mail/Express trains. The steps taken to ensure international standard for cleanliness and quality catering services includes obtaining ISO certification, conduction of food audit by professional agency and special cleanliness and hygiene drive in pantry cars etc.

Naming of Sarapaka station as Bhadradri

3332. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for naming of new railway station Sarapaka as Bhadradri;

(b) if so, the time likely to be taken to clear this proposal; and

(c) the reasons for delay in giving clearance to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Accidents due to human errors

†3333. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train accidents occurred due to human errors during the last three years;

(b) the loss of life and property suffered in the said accidents;

(c) whether Government have started use of Accident Collision Device to prevent such accidents;

(d) if so, the zone where it is being used; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Out of 663 consequential train accidents during the last three years, 326 have been on account of failure of railway staff and 247 on account of failure of other than railway staff. 615 persons lost their lives and railway property worth Rs. 69.95 crore (approximate) had been damaged in these accidents.

(c) to (e) Anti Collision Device (ACD) is already installed on 1736 kilometres of Northeast Frontier Railway and the pilot project is under final Site Acceptance Testing.

Installing WCs in coaches

3334. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when new WCs would be installed in the railway coaches; and

(b) by when all the railway system all over the country would have the new WCs to avoid any desecration of railway tracks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Toilets in all passenger coaches of long distance trains have been provided with Water Closet (WC). Presently these discharge the waste on track. In order to improve sanitation at station areas, Controlled Discharge Toilet Systems (CDTS) are being progressively introduced in coaches. The control discharge toilets prevent discharge of waste on the tracks when the train is stationary or moving at low speeds, thereby helping to make the stations and nearby areas relatively cleaner. The waste is, however, eventually discharged on tracks away from station areas.

In order to move towards the final objective of total sanitation and zero discharge of waste from the coaches on the tracks, Research Design and Standards Organization (RDSO) have developed specifications for environment friendly toilets using two different technologies—

(i) Vacuum retention, storage of waste and evacuation at terminals,